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S/ES-O, FOR REASONS 1.4(B) AND (D)

RUSSIAN FORCES REMAIN; GEORGIA RE-TAKING CONTROL IN GORI

¶1. (S/NF) Although Russian forces remain in and around Gori, Georgian police forces have begun re-establishing control over the city. (TF/EUCOM e-mail)

¶2. (S/NF) Russian aircraft reportedly are confining their activity to Russian airspace and naval forces have moved north toward Sukhumi. (PMAT SitRep 3595)

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¶3. (C) President Medvedev reiterated Russia would support "any settlement that recognized the international rights of Abkhazia and South Ossetia." He maintained Russia would serve as a guarantor of South Ossetia and Abkhazia both in the Caucasus and "in the whole world." (Moscow 2414)

¶4. (C) Russia denounced Ukraine's call for notification

of Russian troop transport at the Ukrainian border.

Russia also admonished Kyiv for providing weapons to Georgia. (Moscow 2411)

CODELS TO ARRIVE IN TBILISI

¶5. (SBU) Senate staffers report Senators Biden, Lieberman, and Lindsey Graham are considering travel to Tbilisi as early as August 17. Senator Lugar will visit August 23-25, as previously planned. (TF/EUR/PGI desk telcon)

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE CONTINUES ARRIVING IN TBILISI

¶6. (SBU) Two Air Force C-130s are scheduled to arrive August 15, followed by two flights per day through August 18. (TF/NSC Humanitarian Aid Conference Call)

¶7. (SBU) A second UNHCR humanitarian flight landed in Tbilisi; another is scheduled for August 15. Deliveries to date can supply 40,000 people. UNHCR plans additional flights to Vladikavkaz, Russia, next week to assist displaced persons from the South Ossetia region. (TF/PRM e-mail)

¶8. (U) Russian, local South Ossetian, and Georgian authorities approved ICRC assistance in the South Ossetia region, but security concerns remain. (Reuters)

¶9. (U) Armed men in unmarked uniforms seized vehicles from UNHCR staff near Gori. According to UNHCR, there are currently 115,000 internally displaced persons. (Reuters)

¶10. (U) Minimize considered.
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